

The power of hope

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There is a story of a submarine that had sunk in the shallow waters off New York harbor.

As rescuers attempted to help the Sailors inside the submarine, one of them heard these words being tapped out in Morse Code, "Is there any hope?" The answer to that question is yes, there is hope.

Hope and faith are directed related to each other. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

We hope for lots of things. We hope for the sunshine tomorrow. We hope for health and welfare for our family. We hope that someone will love and care for us.

We hope that the difficult time we find ourself in now will pass quickly.

Like I said, we hope for lots of things. The fact that we hope means that life has tremendous meaning for us. It's when we have no hope that we have

to be worried. I am sure that the rescuer who heard that Sailor's cry tapped out a response that said, "Yes, there is hope. We are here to rescue you."

I can imagine that Sailor's feeling when he heard the rescuer. Because I know very well the feeling when God assures me that I have reason to hope.

You see I know that the sun is shining all the time. I know that someone loves and cares for me. I know that the difficulty I find myself in now will not last forever.

I have found hope through my faith and confidence in God and His love for His creation. I find hope in friends, true friends, who are there through thick and thin.

Not the kind of friend whose motto is, "Now you see me, now you don't." I experience hope when a positive solution is found to a very difficult problem.

But there are hope robbers out there. Things like fear, doubt, anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, mistrust and solitude.

That Sailor could have allowed his



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fear, doubt, anger and more to paralyze him but he tapped out the words, "Is there any hope?"

What he got in return was a clear answer, "Yes, there is reason to hope."

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